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FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE (TOMIC)

ON BEHALF OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DELIVERED AT THE

INFORMAL MTN MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF TABLING OF OFFERS

JANUARY 23:

BEGIN TEXT

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICIPANTS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, RECOGNIZING THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THEIR EXPORT TRADE AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES, WELCOME THE DETERMINATION OF THE MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WISH TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT THE FUTURE WORK TAKES FULL ACCOUNT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY RECEIVE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF ANY GENERAL OR SPECIFIC MEASURES. ON THE BASIS THAT THIS PROVISION OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION IS FAITHFULLY PURSUED, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORTHCOMING CRITICAL STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS STARTING FROM TODAY, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION ON A BASIS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

ON THIS OCCASION, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN THEIR DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THESE
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NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES AGREED UPON AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION OF THE 14 SEPTEMBER 1973.

WHILE REPEATING THIS DETERMINATION, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE DEEP CONCERN WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING ABOUT THE WAY THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS (INCLUDING THOSE OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THEM) HAVE SO FAR BEEN DEALT WITH IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THERE ARE FEELINGS OF DISQUIET THAT SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING THE PROBLEMS AND OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SIMPLY AS BEING PERIPHERAL TO THE MTN AND, AS SUCH, INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM. THE VERY GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS SO FAR ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND THERE IS THE FEELING THAT THE WORDING AND THE SPIRIT OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION HAS SO FAR BEEN IGNORED IN THIS AREA OF THE GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE TO A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REGRET THAT THEIR ABSENCE FROM MANY OF THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING AMONG THE MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES BEING DEALT WITH HAS CREATED A FEELING, TO SAY THE LEAST, OF UNEASE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED NOT ONLY ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE BUT ALSO ABOUT THE APPARENT TECHNIQUE OF TAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS OUTSIDE THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AND ITS GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS. THEY ARE DEEPLY SURPRISED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEE THE GROUP "TARIFFS" PUT ON ICE AS IT WERE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, AND A BASIS FOR TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING A WORKING HYPOTHESIS FORMULA BEING AGREED TO BY THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK

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OF THE GROUP. THIS, AT LEAST IN THE VIEW OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS CONTRARY TO THE NORMALLY ACCEPTED APPROACH OF ESTABLISHING A COMMONLY AGREED NEGOTIATING TARIFF PLAN. IT HAS ALSO HAD THE EFFECT OF NO AGREEMENT BEING ON THE

TABLE ON BROAD PRINCIPLES AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING SPECIAL, MORE FAVOURABLE AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT FOR THE PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTING TO SEE, IN THIS VITAL STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, QUITE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ISSUES OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THEM, EXPERIENCED UNTIL NOW. IN OTHER WORDS THEY WANT TO BE FULLY ENGAGED IN ALL AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF INTEREST TO THEM WHERE PROGRESS SHOULD BE PARALLEL AND SIMULTANEOUS SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

THEY ARE EXPECTING TO SEE IN THIS FORTHCOMING PHASE FAR GREATER ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS WHICH WILL ACHIEVE RESULTS ENABLING THEM TO DIVERSIFY AND ACCELERATE THEIR EXPORTS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR THEM AND THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES ARE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION AND THEY NEED TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHETHER THEY BE TARIFFS OR NON-TARIFF MEASURES, TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND AGRICULTURE, SAFEGUARDS AND OTHER ISSUES WHERE CODES OF CONDUCT ETC. ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION, I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THIS INFORMAL MEETING TO THE WORK OF THE GROUP "FRAMEWORK", WHICH IS CONSIDERING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE INCLUDING TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT WORK IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS SERIOUSLY LAGGING. A PARTICULAR EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO MOVE THIS AREA FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE A POSITIVE RESULT IN PARALLEL WITH ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

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THE VALUE OF THE SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF THE MTN FOR

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DEPENDS ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE
MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS STATED IN THE
TOKYO DECLARATION ARE ACHIEVED; NAMELY HOW THE RESULTS
IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORTS WILL SECURE
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THEM SO AS TO ACHIEVE A SUB-
STANTIAL INCREASE IN THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS,
THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS, THE ACCELERATION
OF THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THEIR TRADE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND ALSO HOW AN IMPROVED INTER-
NATIONAL FRAMEWORK SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE
MORE EFFECTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND IN INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE RELATIONS ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

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